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## SENATE BILL NO. 254

Introduced by: Senators Valandra and Thompson and Representatives Hagen and Lucas

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for education cost equalization grants and make  
2 an appropriation therefor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. Any student that is a South Dakota resident attending the Cheyenne River  
5 Community College in Eagle Butte, Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, Sinte Gleska University in  
6 Rosebud, Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College in Sisseton, or Standing Rock Community  
7 College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, is eligible for a grant as provided for in sections 2 to 6,  
8 inclusive, of this Act. The eligibility of the students attending these institutions is contingent upon  
9 the institution being accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary  
10 Schools Accrediting Agency.

11 Section 2. The education cost equalization grant per credit hour for each eligible student shall  
12 be the amount appropriated in section 5 of this Act divided by the total number of credit hours  
13 taken by all eligible students during the school year.

14 Section 3. The education cost equalization grant shall be reduced by the amount of benefits  
15 provided under the provisions of P.L. 95-471, as amended.

16 Section 4. Upon receipt of the education cost equalization grant, the eligible student shall

1 immediately pay the full amount of the grant to the college or university in which the student is  
2 enrolled.

3 Section 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of fifty thousand  
4 dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Education and  
5 Cultural Affairs to provide cost equalization grants to students attending tribal colleges and  
6 universities.

7 Section 6. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs in cooperation with the South  
8 Dakota Tribal College Association may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to implement  
9 sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this Act.

10 Section 7. The secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall approve  
11 vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

12 Section 8. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by  
13 June 30, 1998, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.